

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10000/231
Serial 10/685,333	Filing Date October 13, 2003	Examiner To be assigned	Group Art Unit To be assigned
Inventor(s) Scott T. Moore			
Title of Invention STENT INTRODUCER APPARATUS			

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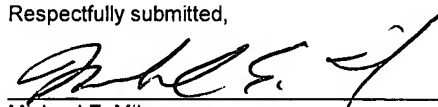
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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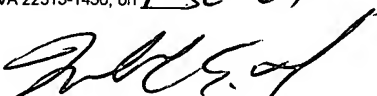
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
5,480,423	1/1996	Ravenscroft et al.
5,603,698	2/1997	Roberts et al.
5,702,418	12/1997	Ravenscroft
5,824,058	10/1998	Ravenscroft et al.
5,902,333	5/1999	Roberts et al.
5,957,974	9/1999	Thompson et al.
5,984,964	11/1999	Roberts et al.
6,165,163	12/2000	Chien et al.

#### FOREIGN REFERENCES

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
0879585	11/1998	Europe
99/43378	9/1999	WIPO
99/44541	9/1999	WIPO

#### OTHER ART

1. Scott T. Moore, U.S. patent application number 09/777,223 filed February 5, 2001, now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

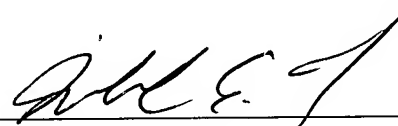
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any

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This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/777, 223, filed February 5, 2001 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 09/777, 223 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

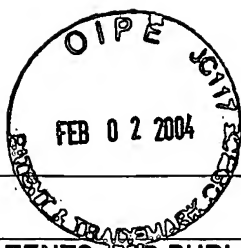
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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#### REFERENCE DESIGNATION

#### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,480,423	1/1996	Ravenscroft et al.		
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	A9	0879585	11/1998	Europe		
	A10	99/43378	9/1999	WIPO		
	A11	99/44541	9/1999	WIPO		

#### OTHER ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	A12	Scott T. Moore, U.S. patent application number 09/777,223 filed February 5, 2001, now abandoned

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